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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. Of: SHIRAKAWA et al.

Serial No.: 10/077,639

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For: OPTICAL DISK DEVICE

Group: 2655

Examiner: PATEL, Gautam R.

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENTS

Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed October 27, 2004. A Petition for a one month extension of time accompanies this Amendment.

REMARKS

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect species A (and FIGS. 1-8), and claims 1-4 and 10-13 which are believed readable thereon. It is respectfully requested that the non-elected species/claims be maintained in this application, without further action, for possible rejoinder and/or for filing of a divisional application.

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